

Revisions Suggested to Implement the Provincial Policy Statement, 2020 and A Place to Grow: Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe					
Item	Policy Number	Request By	Comments/Concerns	Reference to PPS, APTG or other applicable legislation	Proposed Revision
1	General	OMAFRA	Limited information has been provided to demonstrate how the proposed settlement area boundary expansions in OPA 57 are consistent with PPS policy 1.1.3.8 c, d, and e and APTG policy 2.2.8.3 f, g, and h. Additional information should be provided to support the proposed amendment to demonstrate how alternative locations have been evaluated to avoid prime agricultural areas, expanding settlement areas comply with the MDS formulae, and any impacts on agricultural operations are mitigated to the extent feasible.	PPS 1.1.3.8 APTG 2.2.8.3	Additional information is required in support of OPA 57 to demonstrate that prime agricultural areas have been avoided where possible, how settlement areas to be expanded comply with the MDS formulae, and any impacts on agricultural operations are mitigated to the extent feasible. This information will support the review of OPA 57 and is necessary to demonstrate consistency with PPS policy 1.1.3.8 c, d, and e, and conformity to APTG policy 2.2.8.3 f, g, and h.
2	General	OMAFRA	While it is understood that some analysis has been conducted to evaluate the potential impacts of non-agricultural development on agricultural operations in the Agricultural System, an Agricultural Impact Assessment (AIA) has not been provided to justify the proposed settlement area boundary expansion. To conform with the settlement area expansion policies of APTG, an AIA is required.	APTG 2.2.8.3	An AIA must be carried out to demonstrate that the Settlement Area Boundary expansions conform with APTG 2.2.8. Please provide a copy of the AIA to MMAH for review prior to Council adoption of OPA 57.
3	General	MMAH	A Place to Grow Land Needs Assessment Methodology for the Greater Golden Horseshoe, 2020 (LNA Methodology), provides that each upper- and single-tier municipality must consider land need for two types of geographies: Community Areas and Employment Areas. The land classifications in Haldimand County's Growth Strategy report do not align with the categories found in the LNA Methodology. A separate category "other lands" comprised of sports fields has been added. Sports fields are part of the "community areas" category in the LNA Methodology. This	A Place to Grow Land Needs Assessment Methodology for the Greater Golden Horseshoe, 2020	The Growth Strategy report be amended using the land need categories used in the LNA Methodology to support the review of OPA 57.

			inconsistency makes it challenging to evaluate the quantities of land being proposed to be added and removed from settlement area boundaries as part of OPA 57. To provide clarity and assist with the provincial review of OPA 57, the Growth Strategy report should be amended to align with the LNA Methodology.		
4	General	MMAH	<p>The policies of the existing Haldimand County Official Plan on Indigenous engagement appear to be limited to matters related to archaeological resources. The OP does not include policies on engagement with Indigenous communities on other planning matters, as required by the PPS and APTG.</p> <p>PPS policy 1.2.2 identifies that planning authorities shall engage with Indigenous communities and coordinate on land use planning matters. APTG policy 5.2.3.7 identifies that municipalities shall engage Indigenous communities throughout the planning process to ensure appropriate engagement is undertaken.</p>	PPS 1.2.2 APTG 5.2.3.7	<p>Policies on Indigenous engagement for additional planning matters should be added as part of either OPA 57 or the subsequent second phase of the OP update program to ensure consistency with the PPS and conformity to APTG.</p> <p>Suggested policies could include: “Planning matters will be coordinated with Indigenous communities throughout the planning process to ensure that appropriate engagement is undertaken, and this engagement will inform decision making.”</p>
5	Growth Management – Urban Areas 4.B.9.5	MMAH	MMAH acknowledges that Haldimand is seeking an alternative intensification target of 20%, which is lower than the County’s current intensification target of 32%. While the justification provided in the Growth Strategy Report identifies that the County is unable to achieve the intensification target set out in APTG, approval from the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing is required for an alternative intensification target. The requirements for requesting an alternative intensification target are set out in policies 2.2.2.4 and 2.2.2.5 in APTG.	APTG 2.2.2.4 APTG 2.2.2.5	Haldimand County Council is required to send a request to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing for approval of an alternative intensification target.
6	Growth Management	MECP	This section speaks to development on “Future Development” designated lands with a focus on the infrastructure (water, wastewater servicing,	PPS 4.7	Suggest adding a policy in this section requiring the demonstration that an environmental assessment has been

	– Urban Areas 4.B.13.2		stormwater management and transportation services) that will be needed to enable development to proceed. It is suggested that the County consider adding a reference to the environmental assessments that will also be required to identify, evaluate and choose the optimal means of providing this necessary infrastructure. Where subsequent site-specific planning approvals will also be required, there may be opportunities to integrate the EA and Planning Act processes to avoid duplications and show the relationship between land use planning approvals and servicing.		completed which identifies, evaluates and chooses the optimal means of providing this necessary infrastructure.
7	Glossary # 28, 29	MMAH	The definitions for “Employment Area” and “Intensification” source the PPS, 2020. The policies of APTG take precedence over the policies of the PPS to the extent of any conflict, except where the relevant legislation provides otherwise. As these terms are defined in both the PPS and APTG, the definitions in APTG should be used as the source.	APTG 1.2.3	The source of definitions be revised to APTG.